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As Nigerian voters prepare to go to the polls for National Assembly, Presidential, Gubernatorial, and State Assembly elections beginning April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, the independent international observation missions of the National Democratic Institute, the European Union, the Commonwealth and the International Republican Institute:

- Recognise the efforts of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in administering the election process;
- Acknowledge the desire of the electorate to participate in genuine elections free of intimidation and violence;
- Urge all political parties and their supporters to respect the Code of Conduct signed with INEC;
- Encourage INEC at all levels to be independent and work transparently during and after polling, to accurately tabulate votes, and to post results at polling units;
- Encourage the security forces to contribute to a peaceful environment, maintaining the rule of law, and safeguarding the integrity of the process;
- Will, in accordance with the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation, independently issue their preliminary findings on the election process.

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